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SUBJ: NATO STUDY OF MILITARY SPECIALIZATION

REF: A. USNATO 3580
B. USNATO 3485 NATOAL

BEGIN SUMMARY. MISSION REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FROM ADDRESSEES IN SPECIALIZATION STUDY, AS IT RELATES TO EACH SERVICE. END SUMMARY.

1. REF A INDICATED THAT USNATO HAD AGREED TO PRESENT A PAPER TO THE NATO SPECIALIZATION EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP ON 4 SEP 73 OFFEREING PROPOSALS FOR SPECIALIZATION IN LOGISTICS. MISSION ALSO DESIRES TO PREPARED, AT THAT MEETING, TO OFFER SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTHER CONSIDERATION ON SPECIALIZATION RELEVANT TO EACH OF THE SERVICES.

2. STUDY EFFORTS ON SPECIALIZATION WERE PROPOSED BY THE DUTCH
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AT THE 7 JUNE MEETING OF THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN MINISTERIAL SESSION. THE DUTCH PROPOSE TO DROP PLANS FOR PROCUREMENT OF THE LANCE MISSILE AND ARE RELUCTANT TO CONSIDER MULTI-ROLE AIRCRAFT AS A REPLACEMENT OF F-104G. AS A TRADEOFF,

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THEY WILL CONSIDER SPECIALIZING IN OTHER AREAS. SHAPE IS CURRENTLY STUDYING THE LANCE SPECIALIZATION PROPOSAL AND IMS IS STUDYING THE AIRCRAFT SITUATION.

3. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ANALYSIS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES AS A BASIS FOR GENERATING FURTHER NATO STUDY:

A. COULD NATO DEFENSE EFFORTS BE MADE MORE EFFICIENT BY GREATER SPECIALIZATION, ESPECIALLY ON THE PART OF THE SMALLER COUNTRIES? CONSIDER ON A FUNCTIONAL BASIS, E.G., FOR THE ARMY, TROOP STRENGTH, INFANTRY WEAPONS, ANTITANK WEAPONS, TANKS, ARTILLERY, AIR DEFENSE, ENGINEER EQUIPMENT, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

B. ANALYSIS SHOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE LIMITED TO TRADEOFFS WITHIN EACH COUNTRY OR EACH SERVICE, BUT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CROSS NATIONAL AND SERVICE LINES.

C. WHILE NOT IGNORING THE LARGER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS THE UK AND FRG, ANALYSIS SHOULD FOCUS ON THE SMALLER COUNTRIES IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN MAINTAINING BALANCED ARMED FORCES.

D. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS REITERATED THAT GIVEN A SIMILAR APPROACH BY OUR ALLIES, THE US WILL MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE ITS FORCES IN EUROPE. THE NATO SPECIALIZATION STUDY IS NOT INTENDED AS A VEHICLE FOR REDUCING US FRCES. SOME TAILORING OF US FORCES MIGHT BE ENVISAGED, HOWEVER, IF CONSIDERED BY ADDRESSEES TO BE MILITARILY FEASIBLE.

4. ANY INPUTS RECEIVED FROM ACTION ADDRESSEES WILL BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO TABLING IN NATO HQ.

5. USNATO POINTS OF CONTACT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ARMY: COL W. H. TUCKER, JR., AUTOVON 451-2889 OR BRUSSELS 41.44.00, EXT. 5809.

B. NAVY: CDR S.A. RING, EXT 5810

C. AF: COL R.G. JENKS, EXT. 5722.

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6. ABOVE OFFICERS ARE AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS, AT YOUR CONVENIENCE, FOR PERSONAL CONTACT WITH DESIGNATED STAFF OFFICERS. ALTERNATIVELY, ADDRESSEES MAY WISH TO DISCUSS SUBJECT HERE (PAR 3, REF A). RUMSFELD

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